

## WOMAN'S COLUMN

AGNES E. SIMMONS, LAWRENCE,  
Vice Pres. 4th District W. C. T. U.

Some of the county papers made mention of the fact last week that the representatives of the state legislature had pledged themselves and Governor Ferris is favorable to submitting the question of equal suffrage to the voters again this spring.

The state's equal suffrage leaders visited Lansing in the interest of the cause and are making plans for campaign work. The state president of the Women's Christian Temperance organization, Mrs. E. L. Perkins, also has her headquarters at the capital city. Her message to us from the official organ, "The Michigan Union," says we must continue our work as an organization for equal suffrage, which the W. C. T. U. has been doing since the early days of Frances Willard's work. Through its national, state, district, county and local franchise superintendents, are reaching every state in like manner, from which we are reaping results today.

The county organizations of Cass, Berrien, St. Joseph, Kalamazoo and Van Buren, called the Fourth District, raised \$100.00 for the fall campaign, more than any other one district of the twelve in the state. Our leaders in this organization are some of the strongest speakers we have for equal suffrage.

Mrs. Perkins also writes that two meetings have been held, consisting of representatives from the state Sunday school association, W. C. T. U., Anti-Saloon League, Prohibitionists, Grange, Farmers' clubs. The object was concerted action for a dry state. E. K. Warren was appointed chairman, Senator Straight of Coldwater was selected as the man to bring a bill before the senate for state-wide prohibition as a constitutional amendment, coming before the voters in 1914.

Local option campaigns have shown that the majority of the voters of Van Buren county are loyal to this cause, yet communities are changing and we must continue to get next to the people. Although our equal suffrage campaign seemed a strenuous one, yet there were sections of the county which were not reached by the workers. It would seem wise to meet that condition in the coming campaign that this county may give a larger majority and thereby help to cover the deficiency vote in the cities.

The Woman's Journal, published by the National E. S. association, says: "The Michigan women fought a good fight and won a square victory, and in the next campaign it is hoped that the people will register their disgust at such a violation of their expressed will." Michigan is the most populous state that has yet carried a suffrage amendment and is the only state east of the Mississippi to do so. The importance of keeping Michigan on the suffrage map can hardly be estimated."

Michigan at heart is for woman suffrage in spite of every scheme that can be worked to make it appear otherwise. The city of Kalamazoo gave a majority of about 700 in favor of it at the late election and now will have a woman on her police force—the first woman to hold a similar position in Michigan.

Miss Ora Matthews, travelers' aid secretary of the Y. W. C. A., is the person recommended to the police and fire commission by the chief of police of that city. Miss Matthews has proven her great worth to the city by the good that she has already done among the young women of that place. If her work will be of interest to every woman and she will be supported by the good wishes and hopeful prayers of men and women alike.

## FARMERS, TAKE NOTICE

Until further notice, The True Northerner will insert one advertisement, not to exceed four lines, in its classified column free of charge. If you have anything to sell, want to buy, want to rent, want to hire help, etc., send in your notice to that effect and it will be published one week free of cost.

## STAY IN MICHIGAN.

The daily papers report bizzards and big storms of all kinds on land and sea. The western country is suffering from the cold to an unusual degree. The damage to orange and lemon crops in California has been estimated at the enormous figure of 20,000,000, if not an entire loss. Fruit growers have feared a sudden return to normal temperature nearly as much as the frost itself. It is reported that the orchardists have spent a million dollars in fighting off the frost. Let's stay in Michigan and raise grapes.

## HAVE YOU ANY OLD MAPS?

The Michigan Pioneer Historical society is making a collection of early maps of Michigan with the purpose of obtaining as complete a set as possible from 1825 down. The earliest maps were made by Risdon & Farner and the society appeals to the families of the early residents of the state in the hope that there may be found copies of these maps and presented to the society for the public use. The society will gladly receive these maps and carefully preserve them.

## Strange Names.

Every clergyman can tell tales of the strange names which he has been asked to bestow upon children at the baptismal font; but the place where that sort of thing is rampant is British Guiana. Nannie Bellona, John Pantaloon, and Frank Locust are among Christian names imposed on the offspring of native converts. Worse still are "Whiskey Emmanuel" and "Seriatim ad Valorem."

## NO JUNKETING THIS SESSION

Pleasure Tours Promptly Nipped in the Bud.

## SPEAKER CURRIE SAID NO

Grange Calls Former Speaker Baker to Lansing to Keep Close Watch on Proceedings—Sweeping Civil Service Bill Before Senate—State-wide Prohibition Issue Raised in Form of Proposed Constitutional Amendment.

BY J. W. HANNEN.

(Special Correspondence.)

Lansing, Mich., January 21.—To junket or not to junket, was one of the propositions before the legislature for several days, but a quietly laid plan for the house committee to enjoy real old-fashioned junkets to the state institutions by special car, with all the trimmings that in former years were recognized as a requisite, was promptly nipped in the bud.

Speaker Currie vigorously opposed the ambitions of some of the committee-men, and in this he was strenuously supported by Representative Hinkley, of Emmet, chairman of the house ways and means committee. Representative Hinkley fixed his stamp of disapproval and announced that no member of his committee would accompany such trips. The outcome of the controversy was that the proverbial pleasure tours are abolished for this session although



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In accordance with a more national view of the situation, some of the committees this week will visit the institutions they are appointed to look after in a genuinely business capacity.

Time was when the biennial junkets of the legislative committees were regular pleasure tours, with due regard to the good time promised rather than the real business involved. That there will be no side issues to the institution visits this session is refreshing to the people of the state, who of old wearied of paying good money in taxes for the entertainment of the men they sent to Lansing to transact their public business.

## Thrice Chosen Senator.

Senator William Alden Smith's reelection will make him a veteran in congress by the time his ensuing term expires. He was elected seven times consecutively to the lower house of congress from the Grand Rapids district, resigning in February, 1907, when elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Russell A. Alger, after having been elected in January that year for the ensuing full term. Senator Smith was born at Dowagiac, Mich. May 12, 1853, but his home has been at Grand Rapids since 1872.

## State Grange Comes Forward.

Talk that a plan was afoot to forestall progressive legislation promptly brought forward vigorous opposition to any such procedure. It was openly declared that if the scheme was persisted in there would be things doing in Lansing that would create a real tempest. It was emphatically stated that promises of progressive legislation should be made good else there would be an accounting. The State Grange was not slow to step in and take a hand. The Grangers called a meeting of the executive committee in Lansing, with the result that former speaker, Herbert E. Baker, was employed to remain in Lansing during the session to advocate measures favored and supported by the State Grange. Baker's long experience as a legislator and his acquaintance with men and methods in the law-making body prompted his selection.

## Initiative and Referendum.

Several important measures were considered by committee, among them the proposal of Senator Fred L. Woodworth for a 10 per cent initiative clause on laws and constitutional amendments, and the Dunn bill for recall, also with the low percentage clause. War is declared against any measure on these lines that includes percentage clauses so high as to make them ineffective.

The committee also considered the question of the repeal of the mortgage tax law and it was decided to favor an amendment to provide for a tax

on mortgages of 50 cents on each \$1,000 face valuation payable annually within the term of the instrument. Several other important propositions were considered and these will be brought to light as the session progresses.

## Civil Service Law Will Pass.

There seems now to be little, if any, doubt that very early in the session a measure will be enacted providing for civil service among employees of the state.

Senator Verdier, of Grand Rapids, has presented a bill that is one of the strongest in existence copied largely after the Colorado law. The democratic platform calls for civil service and the party is pledged to that reform, but as the proposed law would give immediate effect the plums expected at the hands of the administration will go aglimmering.

The Verdier bill is one of the most pronounced and far-reaching of any of its kind in any state, taking in about every office in the employ of the state, even down to the grade of laborers who must be employed in accordance with the priority of their applications. It calls for a non-partisan and non-salaried board of three civil service commissioners to be appointed by the governor, the secretary to receive a salary of \$2,000 as the executive officer. The proposed commission is to enact rules and regulations to classify the various grades of employment and to establish suitable examinations. There is much detail about the measure, but it is comprehensive and calculated to accomplish that which it seeks.

As all parties represented in the house and senate are pledged to civil service, it is scarcely likely that there will be any serious difficulty in the passage of the law. Should it be enacted the present employees of the state will be able to hold their jobs without further fear of political upheavals, or so long as their faithfulness shall endure.

## Labor Legislation.

That there will be some effective legislation for the benefit of labor generally is conceded. But just what the specific result of present plans will be is at this time a matter of conjecture.

There is a set purpose to change the laws governing child labor. Hours of labor for women and children will be given consideration. Regulation of the number of hours women and children shall be employed in the street trades, canneries and other industrial employments will be demanded. And a measure will be introduced providing for mine inspection for the protection of workmen; also for boiler inspection and a commission to fix a minimum wage scale.

Among other bills the labor department and representative heads of labor organizations will consider will be the compensation of mothers' bill, hotel inspection and others of kindred intent.

The legislative labor conference committee has met with Labor Commissioner Powers to outline a plan to be followed and the measures enumerated were agreed upon. The meeting was attended by several representative women of the state.

A bill has been prepared by the legislative committee of the Michigan district of the United Mine Workers to present to the legislature. It deals with conditions of miners and embodies many features that are calculated to promote the welfare of mine workers.

## Statewide Prohibition.

The senate and house are squarely up against a condition which they cannot side-step. Nothing that has yet come before the legislature at this session has attracted such universal attention as the introduction of a state-wide prohibition resolution for constitutional amendment.

During the past four years every candidate for public office has been confronted with this proposition, and now that the matter is brought up with the view of allowing the people to express themselves upon the question, the Anti-Saloon League has not been slow to grasp the situation and has taken this means of putting the house and senate to the test.

The pressure will be particularly heavy upon members representing districts divided between the wet and dry interests.

## Amendment to Liquor Laws.

Auditor General Fuller in his annual report to the governor says that the general liquor law should be amended in so far as it relates to the license of a non-resident liquor dealer, as there are many who have not taken out licenses. If possible, he says, it should be a misdemeanor for any retail dealer to purchase liquor from a non-resident dealer.

## Contests Settled.

As all the contests were settled by the retention of their seats by members whose election was declared to have been in doubt, the senate and house settled down to real business as soon as reports of committees were acted upon. There was little trouble for any except Senator McGregor, of the twelfth district. In spite of the vigorous protests of Frank L. Covert and the efforts to dislodge him, he retains his place.

## "Blue Sky" Propositions.

State Banking Commissioner E. H. Doyle's proposed legislation on "blue sky" propositions promise a death blow to visionary schemes to lure the unwary. The house and senate committees will meet Jan. 29 to take up these questions. Several other measures have been introduced and drastic action is assured. All those who endorse or oppose the measures proposed are invited to express their views at that meeting.

## Probate Order.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Van Buren.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office in the village of Paw Paw, in said county, on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1913.

Present, Hon. Wm. Killefer, judge of probate.

In the matter of the estate of Benjamin C. Sheldon, deceased.

Libbie M. Sheldon Miller, daughter of said deceased, having filed in said court her petition praying that said court adjudicate and determine who were at the time of her death the legal heirs of said deceased and entitled to inherit the real estate of which said deceased died seized.

It is ordered, that the 3rd day of February, A. D. 1913, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in The True Northerner, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

A true copy.

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Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias, issued out of and under the seal of the circuit court for the county of Van Buren and state of Michigan, to me directed and delivered, in favor of Orlan A. Hinkle against the goods and chattels, land and tenements of Frank McMacken, I did, on the 27th day of December, A. D. 1912, levy upon and take all the right, title and interest of said Frank McMacken in and to the following described real estate, situated in the county of Van Buren and state of Michigan, to wit: All that certain piece and parcel of land situated in the township of Government, county of Van Buren and state of Michigan, known and described as the north thirty-seven acres of the north-east quarter of the north-east quarter of section two, town two south, range seven west, all of which I shall expose for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, as the law directs, at the north front door of the court house in the village of Paw Paw, (that being the building in which the circuit court for said county of Van Buren, state of Michigan, is held) on Monday the 27th day of February, A. D. 1913 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

ERASTUS CONE, Deputy Sheriff.

DAVID ANDERSON, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Dated December 28th, 1912.

Notice of Sale of Real Estate.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Van Buren.

In the matter of the estate of Lawrence N. Martin, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of an order of said court, made on the 28th day of October, A. D. 1912, I shall sell at public auction, on the 28th day of January, A. D. 1913, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the north front door of the court house at the village of Paw Paw, in said county, the interest of said estate in the following described real estate, to-wit:

Three and one-half quarters of the southeast quarter of section 24, except seven acres on the north and thereof, also the north-east quarter of the north-east quarter of section 25, all in the township of Paw Paw, Van Buren county, Michigan.

Dated this 7th day of December, A. D. 1912.

WILBUR I. WARNER, Administrator estate Lawrence N. Martin, deceased.

Notice of Hearing Claims.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Van Buren.

In the matter of the estate of Stephen Mores, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that four months from the 18th day of January, A. D. 1913, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office in the village of Paw Paw, in said county, on or before the 15th day of May, A. D. 1913, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday, the 26th day of May, A. D. 1913, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated January 18, A. D. 1913.

WM. KILLEFER, Judge of Probate.

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## As to Dignity.

If I am walking in the very eye of heaven and feeling it on me where I go, there is no question for me of human dignity.—Meredith.

## Mistaken Identity.

Mrs. Henpeck (to her pet dog)—"Go and lie down there!" Her Husband (coming hastily)—"What did you wish, my sweet little wife!"—Flegende Blatter.

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